

To help protect the scenery, wildlife, and historic sites that are found throughout our National Park System, the Congress established the National Park Service on August 25, 1916. The National Park Service is responsible for managing the lands in its care "in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." It is a noble and important task because our national parks are more than scenic preserves. As the renowned conservationist and civic leader, J. Horace McFarland, observed:

The parks are the Nation's pleasure grounds and the Nation's restoring places . . . [they] are an American idea; it is one thing we have that has not been imported . . . These great parks are, in the highest degree, as they stand today, a sheer expression of democracy.

Now celebrating its 75th anniversary, the National Park Service has helped to lead the way in protecting America's natural resources and cultural and historic treasures. The Service holds in trust for the American people such riches as the awe-inspiring vistas of the Grand Canyon, the sublime cliffs and forests of Yosemite, the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, the rugged beauty of Acadia, and the towering majesty of our Statue of Liberty. It is estimated that more than 250 million people from throughout the United States and around the world will visit these and other national parks this year.

The National Park Service will celebrate its 75th anniversary with programs designed to focus attention on the inestimable value of our national parks and on the need for their preservation. In recognition of this anniversary, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 179, has designated the week beginning August 25, 1991, as "National Park Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of August 25 through August 31, 1991, as National Park Week. I invite all Americans, as well as our friends around the world, to participate in events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the National Park Service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6326 of August 22, 1991

National Campus Crime and Security Awareness Week, 1991

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

If our Nation's schools are to be marked by excellence, they must offer students and teachers an environment that is conducive to learning.

Accordingly, AMERICA 2000, our strategy to reinvigorate the Nation's educational system, calls for every school in the country to be safe, disciplined, and free of drugs and violence.

Surveys indicate that as much as 80 percent of all crimes committed at our Nation's institutions of higher learning are perpetrated by students, against students. The vast majority of these crimes are related to alcohol or drugs. Regardless of its source or nature, however, campus crime not only inflicts costly material losses but also causes untold personal suffering. Moreover, campus crime disrupts the vital functions of colleges and universities, thereby depriving students of an optimal educational experience.

Stopping theft, vandalism, sexual assault and other crimes on campus will require the sustained cooperation of students, administrators, and staff, as well as campus security personnel and law enforcement officials. Every academic community in America must increase its awareness of campus crime and ways to prevent it.

Last year, the Congress passed the "Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act," which requires colleges and universities to inform students and employees about campus crime statistics and campus security policies. By working together to achieve the goals set forth in this legislation, we will not only promote the safety of those who study and work at our Nation's institutions of higher learning but also provide our students with a valuable lesson in civic responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week beginning September 1, 1991, as National Campus Crime and Security Awareness Week. I encourage all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6327 of August 23, 1991

National Rehabilitation Week, 1991

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

Thanks, in large part, to the variety of rehabilitative programs and services that are available in the United States, millions of Americans with disabilities are leading fuller, more independent, and productive lives. These men and women are utilizing their knowledge and skills in virtually every field of endeavor, and our entire Nation is richer for their achievements. Thus, it is fitting that we pause to recognize the many dedicated professionals and volunteers who help to promote the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.